

PORTSMOUTH LOCAL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

PORTSMOUTH AND NORFOLK COUNTY

What Virginian-Pilot Representatives Hear Daily.

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Movements of People in Whom the Average Reader is Interested—Happenings in Legal-Business, Religious and Social Circles—A Forecast of Future Events.

A negro woman was committed to the county jail yesterday by Justice Rutter for being on the streets dressed in a rather scant manner.

Patrick Hamilton, one of Uncle Sam's blue coats, was arrested by Mayor Baird himself for using indecent language on the streets. He was fined \$10 and costs.

The case of Hartley Clegg, charged with shooting a man in a barroom on the suburbs, about three months ago, will be heard on Monday in the County Court.

There was a heavy fog yesterday, which impeded navigation.

The negro, Della Wilkins, who was arrested for stealing a silk dress from Mr. Solomon, was given thirty days in jail yesterday in the Police Court.

The gas holder which is being built for the Portsmouth Gas Company, will be completed about February 1st. It will hold 100,000 cubic feet of gas.

Sunday at Monumental Church, L. B. Betty, pastor, preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Epworth League—Its Aim and Advantages." 7:30 p. m., subject: "Adorning the Doctrine of Christ."

It is said that the suit against Wardrop's sureties would be concluded in time to allow those who went from here to return to-morrow. Just what the result will be cannot be conjectured.

The Naval Committee have favorably reported on the purchase of the Cedar Grove property for \$145,687.50. The money will be paid as soon as it is all paid.

Mr. Jack Carney is confined to his home, No. 603 Edgingham street, with "la grippe."

It is promised that we shall have better weather to-day.

Miss Sallie Howard Niemeyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Niemeyer, died in Williamsburg yesterday. The remains will be brought here for interment Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. C. W. Hudgins & Co. call your attention to their creamery butter, which they are selling for 23 cents. They also have a fine lot of fruits, etc., and canned goods.

Mr. J. P. Carr tells you that he has a good sure cure for la grippe, which he is selling for 25 cents. Read and call and see.

Unless the Street Committee does something with some of the streets soon they will be impassable.

The Hustings Court was not in session yesterday, there being nothing for the court to do.

Miss Nellie Jamesville, of Sussex county, is in the city on a visit to friends in Park View.

Attention is called to advertisement of "board wanted" in a private family.

The question is being asked daily by our citizens if something could not be done to put the streets in a better condition. This long spell of inclement weather, they say, shows conclusively that the streets should receive prompt attention at the hands of the City Council.

The Virginian-Pilot appreciates very much the delightful serenade tendered the office by friends over the "phone" last night. The sentimental song, "I Love You in the Same Old Way" being exceptionally well rendered by the quartette of male voices.

Portsmouth Encampment No. 34, L. O. O. F., meets to-night.

The Board of Managers of the King's Daughters' Hospital returns sincere thanks for donations of clothing, money, literature and toys for the Christmas tree, etc., from many friends.

Sunday will be Missionary Day at Owen's Memorial M. E. Church. A fine program has been arranged. All are invited.

A white tramp named John Larkins was sent to jail last night by Justice Ainsworth to serve 60 days for drunkenness and carrying concealed weapons in the shape of a huge butcher knife. Constable McWilliams made the arrest.

Alex. Gregory, colored, was sent to the county jail by Justice Hawkins yesterday to await the action of the grand jury in his case, housebreaking and robbery of money and clothing being the crime alleged in the warrant of arrest.

The war is not over yet; that is, so far as a certain sailor in the service of the government is concerned, as but for a policeman last night another battle would have taken place, this time in Portsmouth. A discussion of the relative merits of the army and navy brought about the trouble.

"Gad" Isham, a 15-year-old colored boy, let fall a "scuttle" of coal on one of his feet yesterday, and now he walks with a cane.

Miss Emily Jordan, of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, arrived in the city yesterday.

If the ministers of the different churches desire their church notices published, and will either bring or send them to this office every Saturday, their wishes will be gratified with pleasure.

Mrs. Robert H. Martin is seriously ill at the residence of her husband, 425 King street.

A SMALL BOY MISSING.

A youth named Otis Gilroy, whose home is in South Portsmouth, has been absent from home since Tuesday last, and his parents are apprehensive about him. Search has been made all around the three cities for him, and no tidings have been received of his whereabouts. The police have thus far failed to learn anything about him. No reason is given for his leaving home. Any information concerning him would be cheerfully received.

New fall ties in all colors and shapes at 25 and 50 cents. C. R. Welton & Co.

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

Children Who Work Hard to Get Favorable Mention.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.
Miss Pauline Williams, John Cummins.

SECOND DISTRICT SCHOOL.
Third Grammar—George Robertson, Susie Porter, Susie Cleaton, Clyde White.

Second Intermediate—Kate Pringle, John Powell, Josie Taylor, Ethel Only, Mary Curlin.

First Intermediate—Mary Cahoon, Etta Curlin, Bessie Jacobson, Fannie Rosenthal, Maria Walker.

Third Primary—Nellie Gressett, Geo. Beltz, Clifton Barclay, Bertha Emmerson, Clara Garrison, Jennie Mitchell, Rosa Wilkerson.

Second Primary—Nannie Cross, Ethel Fitchett, Ling Warden, Fannie Manning.

First Primary—Frank Fitchett, Ada Dashiell, Margaret Minton, Rufus Blackley.

FOURTH DISTRICT.
Third Grammar—Bessie Hopé.

Second Intermediate—Lorene Matthews.

First Intermediate—Rosa Esleek.

Third Primary—Nellie Hoffman, Ella Schaefer, Lulu Tatem.

Second Primary—Annie Lewis, Carroll Culpepper.

First Primary—Marla Myers, Stanley Williams, Walter Hundley.

FIFTH DISTRICT.
Grammar Grade—Rosebud Foreman, Oscar Whittle.

Second Intermediate—Ruth Hathaway, Kittle Murden, Victoria Niemeyer.

First Intermediate—Margaret Van Patten, George Andrews, Lucy Allen, Maynard, Noyce, Annie Robinson, Annie Ridley, Mary Dodson.

Third Primary—Nellie Smith, Ashton Porter, George Scott, Tracy Watson, Richard Warren, Roselynn Moseley, Mary Trant, Agnes Manning, Elmer Myers, Linda Bain, Martin Atkinson, Zoellie Burden, Lizzie Kuehn, Jerome Whittle, Harry Davis.

Second Primary—Bert Dillard, Bessie Sayers, Frances Sharp, Susie Johnson, Margaret Ryan, Lucille Robinson, Morill Sweet, Virginia Wigg, Raymond Dempsey, Mattie Davis, Winnie Rudd.

First Primary—Maywood Lawrence, Joe Rowe, Musa Blanford, Ray Fisher, Ada Trant, Eva Tabb, Margie Tabb, Mary Tomkin, Edna Scott, Dorette Wigg.

THIRD DISTRICT.
Third Grammar—Lizzie Harris, Etta Parham.

Second Grammar—Hattie Gordon, Martha Douglas, Ruth Anderson, Essie Smith, Mary King, Mary Holley, Henry Battentine.

First Intermediate—Maggie Boone.

Third Primary—Marie Bell, George Fane, Clinton Jones, Susie Sheppard, Clive Diggs, Leonard Harris.

Second Primary—Sadie Archer, Wesley Fagan, Ollie Hudgins, Jennie McNear, Annie Anderson.

First Primary—Mary Archer, Jacob Blunt, Otto Blunt, Alonzo White, Richard Rogers.

MATTERS EDUCATIONAL.

The School Board and What It Did at Its Meeting Last Night.

The School Board held its monthly meeting last night, with the following members present: D. A. Williams, president; B. F. Howell, John Schroeder, Wm. T. Ballentine, W. D. Minter, Charles H. Morris, James C. Proctor, L. M. Palmer, George R. Trant.

The Committee on School Regulations recommended that Mr. Augustus Backus' child be admitted to the Second District School, provided there is a vacancy, and that the recommendation made by the Superintendent, allowing children outside of the city to enter the schools upon the payment of a certain sum, be not adopted.

A recommendation in regard to the passage of children upon their final examination in June was adopted.

A recommendation in reference to children attending school while contagious disease exist at their home was adopted.

On motion, all the recommendations made by the committee were adopted except the one in regard to the transfer of Mr. Backus' child from the Fourth to the Second District.

The Superintendent submitted his report, which has been previously published, which was received and filed.

The clerk submitted his report, showing the number of warrants paid during December.

A communication was received from Mr. Winston Parish, principal of the Fifth District School, asking that his salary be increased \$10 per month. On motion, the increase was made.

All properly approved bills were allowed.

NEW BUSINESS.

The clerk was instructed to call the attention of the Council and the Fifth Ward Improvement Board to the sanitary condition of the Fifth Ward Schoolhouse.

The principals of the schools were instructed to furnish the names of all scholars who do not live in the city that are attending the schools, whose parents do not pay taxes in the city.

THE PARK VIEW BAPTISTS.

Committee Appointed to Arrange for the Organization of the Congregation.

Messrs. Geo. A. Trant, A. R. Williams, J. A. Tabb, C. C. Rice and E. O. Young have been appointed a committee by the Baptists of Park View, to formulate plans and make arrangements generally for the organization of the congregation of the new Park View Baptist Church.

The date set is Sunday, January 22nd, and those interested are hopeful that the Park View congregation will become an established fact at that time.

Dr. A. E. Owens' resignation as pastor of the Park View Baptist Church will take effect on the 21st day of January, and it was the expressed wish of the meeting which selected the committee that this step might be effected during the administration of Dr. A. E. Owens at the Court Street Baptist Church, from which the Park View mission sprung and which still retains a sort of fostering connection with the new congregation.

It is thought that the new congregation as a body will call a pastor as soon as organized, and already several names of pastors have been suggested, and it is a well known fact that several Baptist ministers would feel very much complimented to receive a call to this young church, made up, as it is, with such excellent material.

The builders expect to have the Park View Baptist Church completed by April, and in the meantime the congregation will worship in the temporary structure now used as a Sunday school room.

Dorin's Great Handkerchief sale in the finest qualities. Our prices are much lower than elsewhere. Only five cents. ja13-15

THAT SEABOARD AIR LINE DEAL

Argument in Suit of Thomas F. Ryan

TO ENFORCE ALLEGED DEAL

A Number of Important Questions of Law Involved in the Case—Argued By Defendants That Injunction Bond Should Be Increased to \$2,500,000—Bernard Carter Argued Against Judge Fisher.

Yesterday's Baltimore Sun had the following to say concerning the suit of Thomas F. Ryan, to recover certain shares of the Seaboard and Roanoke railroad:

The argument in the suit of Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, to enforce an alleged contract for the sale to him of between 3,000 and 4,000 shares of Seaboard and Roanoke railroad stock at \$125 a share, was not concluded in the Circuit Court yesterday.

Ex-Judge William A. Fisher, of counsel for defendants, finished his opening argument in the demurrer to Mr. Ryan's bill of complaint. He was followed by Mr. J. Southgate Lemmon, who spoke briefly in support of the demurrer. Mr. Bernard Carter, of counsel for Mr. Ryan, then began his argument in support of the contract made with Mr. Ryan, and had not concluded when court adjourned for the day. The closing argument for the defendants will be made by Mr. John P. Poe, Mr. William L. Marbury, who represents Mr. Ryan, was not in court yesterday, being confined to his home by illness.

The contract on which Mr. Ryan's suit is based was made October 6, 1896. It was for the sale, as he claims, of pooled stock under the control of Messrs. Louis McLane, Moncure Robinson and Leigh R. Watts. Upon the filing of a bond for \$200,000, Mr. Ryan obtained a preliminary injunction restraining Mr. McLane from disposing of the stock, pending the litigation. It was argued for the defendants that the injunction bond should be increased to \$2,500,000, and made so that every stockholder, whose stock was involved, might sue on it, in case the deal for the sale of the Seaboard and Roanoke stock at \$200 a share was affected by Mr. Ryan's suit. Under the terms of the proposed deal the stock is to be delivered in 30 days from December 25th. If the deal is consummated, it is said, a large amount of underlying securities will be taken care of, but will be null and void if the litigation results in the failure of the deal.

Mr. Carter argued against Mr. Fisher's contention that there was no mutuality in the contract between Mr. Ryan and the pooling committee. He also contended that the pooling agreement of October 2, 1896, was at an end when the pooling committee signed the contract with Mr. Ryan. As no reservation had been made in the contract for the ratification of the sale by the owners of the pooled stock, Mr. Carter claimed, it is evident that the committee had authority to make the sales.

There are a number of important questions of law involved in the case. Among them are the mutuality of contracts, the specific performance of contracts, the validity of pooling agreements, and as to the jurisdiction of the court to decree with regards to the stock.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. F. Urie, detached from the recruiting rendezvous at Boston and ordered to the Dolphin.

Surgeon J. F. Gardner, detached from the Dolphin and ordered to the marine rendezvous at Boston.

Chief Engineer C. F. Roelker, ordered to the navy-yard at Washington.

Chief Engineer J. S. Ogden, detached from the navy-yard at Washington and ordered to the Richmond.

Passed Assistant Engineer R. D. Taylor, retired, detached from the Richmond and ordered home.

Chief Engineer S. L. P. Ayres, detached from duty at Newport, Pa., and ordered home.

Chief Engineer A. V. Zane, detached from duty with Civil Service Commission and ordered to Newport.

Chief Engineer Harry Webster, ordered to duty with Civil Service Commission.

Lieutenant W. A. Gill, ordered to conduct a draft of men to the Asiatic station.

Lieutenant Commander W. W. Kimball's orders to the Resolute revoked.

Lieutenant Commander W. H. Webb, detached from the Franklin and ordered home.

Lieutenant Commander D. D. V. Stuart, detached from the navy-yard, New York, and ordered to the Franklin.

Lieutenant Y. Noel, detached from the Marblehead and granted three months' sick leave.

Assistant Engineer M. Warner, detached from the Rome Locomotive Works and ordered home.

Passed Assistant Engineer E. F. White, detached from the Rainbow and ordered home.

These officers have been honorably discharged: Lieutenant H. W. Grinnell, Lieutenant A. H. Dutton, Passed Assistant Engineer R. S. Talbot, Passed Assistant Engineer B. C. Ball, Assistant Engineers A. Anderson and T. E. Brady and Lieutenant J. F. Scheller.

MAYNARD L. MACHEN DEAD.

Last night, at 9:40 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sawyer, 1294 Washington street, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Machen, Maynard L., passed away. About two months ago the little fellow came to Portsmouth from his home on Claiborne avenue, Brambleton, to visit Mrs. Sawyer, who is his aunt, and to whom he was devotedly attached. Soon after he came he was attacked with heart trouble, and suffered greatly up to the moment of his death. His parents were with him at the last moment; in fact they closed their home in Brambleton, so that they could be at his bedside all through his illness. He was a bright, promising boy, and those who knew him feel deeply pained at his early death.

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AN ANNIVERSARY SERMON.

Rev. Z. S. Farland To Preach to Ocean Council, Royal Arcanum. The members of Ocean Council, Royal Arcanum, will celebrate their tenth anniversary on Sunday, the 15th instant, by attending divine services at St. John's P. E. Church, where a special sermon will be preached to them by the pastor, Rev. Z. S. Farland.

Following will be the order of the exercises: Processional hymn (No. 582)—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Exhortation and Confession. Absolution and Lord's Prayer. Psalter—Psalms 118, 119 and 150. Fifteenth day, evening prayer.

Glória Patri—1. Buck 2. Fairbank 3. Lawrence

First lesson—Isaiah III, 1 to 13. Magnificat. Spence

Second lesson—First Corinthians, III, Nine Timotheus. Spence

Credo and prayers. Rossini

Hymn (No. 602)—"I Need Thee Every Hour."

Sermon—Text, Roman, XII, 5. Offertory Anthem—"How Long Will Thou Forget Me, O Lord." Miletzke

Prayer and Benediction.

Recessional hymn (No. 516)—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."

THANKS FOR A BURGLAR.

Thursday night a well known young married man attended the reception given by Mr. O. L. Williams, and remained until after the ball was over and then went home. He forgot his night key and had to knock at the door. His wife was aroused from sound sleep and thought it was a burglar. She began screaming for help, and before the young man could make himself known a police officer had answered her cries for help. This pacified her and the two together succeeded in establishing the husband's identity, and he was allowed to enter the house. He will be more careful in future about leaving his key at home.

Committee—Armand DeR. Myers, chairman; Frank T. Eastwood, G. C. Kirchmeyer.

Officers—Wm. H. Ewald, past regent; John F. O'Connor, regent; Arthur F. Flynn, vice regent; Armand DeR. Myers, orator; Thomas Briggs, treasurer; Charles M. McGinley, collector; C. Cleburne Brown, secretary; G. C. Kirchmeyer, chaplain; Ernest L. Dashiell, guide; Thomas Hume, warden; R. M. Parker, sentry.

CHIEF ENGINEER WIERSDORF.

Chief engineer of the Portsmouth Fire Department, Frederick Wiersdorf, in his speech at the spread of the Portsmouth Hook and Ladder Company, very forcibly and appropriately referred to the efficiency of the companies under his command. He said that no city in the Union could boast of a more successful or honorable department than ours, and that the percentage of loss through fire was less in comparison than any other city. All this he attributed to the courage and intelligence of the men of the department, which fully understood the word duty, and thus reaped the reward which comes from duty well performed.

The matter of fire losses was looked into yesterday by several gentlemen, and it was learned that the assessments made by Chief Wiersdorf were founded on facts, and that he knew whereof he spoke when he uttered the eloquent words which created so much satisfaction and enthusiasm on the occasion referred to.

Y. M. C. A.

The Portsmouth Y. M. C. A. will unite with the Norfolk Association in the mass-meeting for men only at the Academy of Music to-morrow afternoon, when Rev. Henry Varley will deliver his great lecture, "The Curse of Mankind." Tickets can be had at the Association building.

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Men's Suits that were \$22.00, now \$19.00. Men's Suits that were \$17.50, now \$15.00. Men's Suits that were \$15.00 and \$16.00, now \$11.00.

Men's Overcoats that were \$4.00, now \$3.50. Men's Overcoats that were \$5.00 and \$6.00, now \$4.50. Men's Overcoats that were \$12.00, now \$9.00. Men's Overcoats that were \$15.00, now \$11.00.

Men's Overcoats that were \$15.00 and \$16.00, now \$11.00. These are to be had in all the Latest Colors and Shapes, with or without Velvet Collars.

MEN'S STORM COATS. Men's Ulsters that were \$5.00, now \$3.50. Men's Ulsters that were \$6.00 and \$7.00, now \$5.00. Men's Ulsters that were \$12.00, now \$9.00. Men's Ulsters that were \$15.00, now \$11.00.

BOYS' SUITS. Boys' Long Pants Suits that were \$5.00, now \$3.50. Boys' Long Pants Suits that were \$7.00 and \$8.00, now \$5.00. Boys' Long Pants Suits that were \$9.00 and \$10.00, now \$6.50. Boys' Long Pants Suits that were \$12.00, now \$8.50.

BOYS' OVERCOATS AND STORM COATS. Coats that were \$5.00, now \$3.50. Coats that were \$6.00, now \$5.00. Coats that were \$12.00, now \$8.50.

MEN'S PANTS. Pants that sold for \$1.50 and \$1.75, now \$1.25. Pants that sold for \$2.00, now \$1.45. Pants that sold for \$2.50 and \$2.75, now \$1.95. Pants that sold for \$3.50, now \$2.45. Pants that were \$4.00, now \$2.95. Pants that were \$5.00, now \$3.45.

BOYS' KNEE PANTS SUITS. Suits that were \$2.00, now \$1.45. Suits that were \$3.00, now \$1.95. Suits that were \$4.00, now \$2.45. Suits that were \$5.00, now \$2.95. Suits that were \$6.00, now \$3.45.

BOYS' KNEE PANTS. 50c. and 75c. quality, 35c. Some others at 10c. and 15c. Big bargains in Mackintoshes, Rubber Coats and Umbrellas.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR. Men's 100c. Merinos, now 75c. 50c. quality, Ribbed and Fleece Lined, 25c. 75c. quality, Wool Ribbed, now 45c. An enormous quantity of Pure Wool, Fleece Lined, in all colors and weights, worth \$1.00 and \$1.50, now 50c. The famous Glensburg, both single and double breasted, usually sold at \$1.50 and \$2.00, reduced to \$1.25. Our assortment of Underwear is as large that we cannot quote all of our line in this space. Call on us; you will find what you want.

SUSPENDERS. 50c. quality in both silk and imported wools, now 25c. Another large line of the famous wire-buckle, now 25c.

NECKWEAR.

50c. quality, now 35c. All new Holiday Goods, 25c. and 35c. quality, now 21c.

GLOVES.

All the grades of Dress Gloves, in all colors, at greatly reduced prices. Big cut in Wool and Men's Working Gloves.

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HATS.

Our \$1.25 and \$1.50 grades of both Stiff and Soft Hats, now 90c. Our \$2.00 Guaranteed Stiff and Soft Hats, in all the late shapes and colors, \$1.50.

NIGHT ROBES.

Our 50c. quality, now 42c. Our 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25 quality, now 50c. There is also a big assortment of Dress Suit Cases, Jewelry, Garters and a great many things that are kept in a Men's Outfitters, all to go at cost. If you want to learn what big bargains mean call at the

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